



# Year 4 Newsletter

## September 2015



### Welcome Back!

We hope you had an enjoyable summer holiday! We have lots of exciting learning planned for the Autumn Term. Our first topic will be '**Rome wasn't built in a day!**', which we will be studying for this half term.

#### Introducing the Year 4 Staff

##### 4L

Teacher: Lewis Peck  
Trainee Teacher: Claire Wood  
TAs: Andy Powley and Rachel Allain

##### 4R

Teacher: Rhys Peterson  
TAs: Helen Smith and Vicky Thompson

##### 4H

Teacher: Sam Hughes  
TA: Rita Norry

##### 4BC

Teachers: Mandy Bailey and Daisy Camplin  
TAs: Farah Rahmen and Linzie Benstead

#### A note about PE days

We now operate a two week timetable in school, meaning that the children will not have PE on the same days each week. Therefore we ask children to keep their PE kits in school all week. Sessions at the UEA count as one of your child's PE lessons.

#### Active Learning!

##### Swimming

This term the children in 4H and 4BC will be taking part in swimming lessons at the UEA every Thursday morning. Children will need their swimming kit (one piece swimming kit for girls, shorts or trunks for boys – no very baggy shorts please) and a towel in school every Thursday. Goggles and a swimming hat are also recommended.

##### Gym/Tennis

The children in 4L will be visiting the UEA every Friday afternoon this half term for gymnastics and tennis sessions.

##### Forest Schools/Cooking

We haven't forgotten about the children in 4R, who will be taking part in half a day of forest schools and half a day of cooking this half term. These will take place on Monday afternoon and Tuesday morning.

#### Homework

Each week your child will be set homework, this will consist of:

- \* A weekly mathematics task.
- \* A weekly list of spelling words to learn.
- \* Daily reading of approximately 10 minutes.
- \* Regular practise of times tables.

#### Educational Visits

We have many exciting trips and visits planned for this year. Here is a brief outline of what we are planning for the first two terms and the anticipated cost of each trip.

Autumn 1: Castle Museum Romans day. (£5)

Autumn 2: Horstead Residential trip (£TBA)

Spring 1: Pizza Express (Free!)

Spring 2: West Stow Saxon Village (£11)

#### Dates for your diary

The **Year 4 curriculum and coffee morning** will take place on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September

We will be visiting the **Castle Museum**, Norwich on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October.

Autumn Term **parent's evenings** will take place the week beginning Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November.

There will be a residential visit to **Horstead** during the week beginning Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November.

The Year 3 and 4 **Christmas performance** at St Thomas' Church will be in the evening on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December

Detailed information about these events will be sent out separately.

**We are looking forward to working with you and your children this year! We are always available at the end of the school day, just outside the Year 4 door, if you would like to talk to us about anything.**